



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2272 **Coral Reef and Coastal Marine Conservation Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on August 1, 2001*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2272 would authorize the Secretary of State to negotiate agreements with eligible countries to create local funds administered by local boards with the authority to make grants to preserve, maintain, and restore coral reefs. The local funds would receive a stream of payments generated by modifying the terms of outstanding development assistance debt owed to the United States. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year in 2002 through 2005 to cover the cost, as defined by the Federal Credit Reform Act, of modifying the debt. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$37 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Because H.R. 2272 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2272 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2272 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

The debt modifications authorized by the bill would include the authority to reduce and to restructure debt, to swap the debt, or to sell the debt back to an eligible country in ways that will generate income for the local funds.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	0
Estimated Outlays	3	6	10	10	8

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2272 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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